

and] second [hinges] hinge includes [include first and] a second pivot adjustment member [members, respectively], for releasably holding said [first and] second wing member [hinges] in at least [one] a first of a plurality of second pivot positions relative to said back member, wherein said first wing member is pivotable independent of said second wing member, said second pivot adjustment member comprising a second torsion spring.

18. (Amended) A headrest as claimed in Claim 1, wherein one of a front wall and a back wall [walls] of at least said first wing member is abuttingly engagable with one of the front wall and the back wall [walls] of said back member.

1113. (Amended) A portable headrest releasably interconnectable to a seat, said portable headrest comprising:

a back member for supportably engaging at least a back portion of a person's head;
first and second wing members for supportably engaging first and second side portions, respectively, of the person's head, wherein said first and second wing members are one of pivotally interconnected and integrally formed to first and second end portions of said back member, respectively; and

a first interconnecting member for attaching said back member to the seat, wherein said first interconnecting member comprises a first stem releasably securable to a back support member of the seat.

1824. (Amended) A headrest comprising:
a frame adapted to support a back portion and at least one of first and second [sides] side portions of a person's head, said frame comprising first and second wing members and a back member having first and second laterally spaced side walls;

first and second pivot members for pivotally interconnecting said first and second wing members to said back member, respectively, said first and second pivot members located on said first and second side walls of said back member, said first and second pivot members including first and second torsion springs, respectively, for maintaining said first and second wing

members in at a first of a first plurality of pivot positions and a first of a second plurality of pivot positions, respectively, relative to said back member;

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first and second rotation stop members for limiting rotation of said first and second wing members, respectively, relative to said back member, wherein said first and second wing members are each at least horizontally rotatable relative to said back member from a first position substantially coplanar with said back member to a second position, said second position being less or equal to about 80 degrees from said first position; and

padding covering said frame, said padding at least interposable between said frame and the back portion and first and second side portions of the person's head.

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└ Please add the following new claims:

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~~23~~ (New) A headrest for supporting a person's head, said headrest comprising:

at least a first wing member adapted to abuttingly engage at least a first side portion of the head;

a back member adapted to abuttingly engage at least a back portion of the head;

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~~24~~ at least a first hinge for interconnecting said first wing member to a first end portion of said back member, wherein said first wing member is pivotable relative to said back member; and

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~~25~~ an interconnecting member for releasably interconnecting said back member to a seat adapted to support the person, wherein said interconnecting member includes at least a first stem interconnectable to said back member, said first stem adapted to releasably engage the seat.

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~~26~~ (New) A headrest for supporting a person's head, said headrest comprising:

at least a first wing member adapted to abuttingly engage at least a first side portion of the head;

a back member adapted to abuttingly engage at least a back portion of the head; and

at least a first hinge for interconnecting said first wing member to a first and portion of said back member, wherein said first wing member is pivotable relative to said back member, said first hinge comprising a first unbalanced hinge, wherein a first torque for moving said first hinge in a first direction is greater than a second torque for moving said first hinge in a second direction.

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31. (New) A portable headrest releasably interconnectable to a seat, said portable headrest comprising:

a back member for supportably engaging at least a back portion of a person's head;

first and second wing members for supportably engaging first and second side portions, respectively, of the person's head, wherein said first and second wing members are one of pivotally interconnected and integrally formed to first and second end portions of said back member, respectively;

first and second hinge members for pivotally interconnecting said first and second wing members, respective, to said back member; and

a first interconnecting member for attaching said back member to the seat, wherein said first interconnecting member comprises a first strap and a second strap, said first strap being loopable through first and second slots of said back member, said first and second slots being located proximate said first and second hinges, wherein said second strap is loopable through a third slot located in an upper portion of said back member.

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32. (New) A portable headrest releasably interconnectable to a seat, said portable headrest comprising:

a back member for supportably engaging at least a back portion of a person's head;

first and second wing members for supportably engaging first and second side portions, respectively, of a person's head, wherein said first and second wing members are one of pivotally interconnected and integrally formed to first and second end portions of said back member, respectively; and

a first interconnecting member for attaching said back member to the seat, wherein said first interconnecting member comprises a first strap and a second strap, said first strap being loopable through first and second slots of said back member, said first and second slots being located proximate a first intermediate portion and a second intermediate, respectively, said first and second intermediate portions extending between a first end portion and a second end portion of said back member and said first and second wing members, respectively, wherein said second strap is loopable through a third slot located in an upper portion of said back member.

23. (New) A portable headrest releasably interconnectable to a seat, said portable headrest comprising:

a back member for supportably engaging at least a back portion of a person's head;

first and second wing members for supportably engaging first and second side portions, respectively, of the person's head, wherein said first and second wing members are one of pivotally interconnected and integrally formed to first and second end portions of said back member, respectively;

a first interconnecting member for attaching said back member to the seat; and

a retraction system for retracting said first and second wing members, said retraction system comprising at least a first sensor adapted to sense at least one of acceleration and deceleration.

REMARKS

In the Office Action having a mailing date of December 8, 1999, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-12 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner also rejected Claims 1-10, 12-15, 17 and 24-25 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,464,435 by Conradt (the '435 patent), U.S. Patent No. 3,283,344 by Blanchard (the '344 patent), U.S. Patent No. 4,440,443 by Nordskog (the '443 patent), U.S.

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